**MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN** (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): Because it was considered that it was going too far to make an exemption in that case.

**MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI** (*Quilon I*): May I know whether anybody who has taken more than three years for passing the Intermediate examination has been admitted either in the Science College or Arts College or Women's College?

**MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN** (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): Yes, Sir, I think there were one or two cases.

**MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI** (*Tovala*): Is it the position of Government that in spite of accommodation these rules will be strictly enforced?

**MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN** (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): The rules will be enforced but exemptions may be given in the most deserving cases.

**MR. K. R. ELENKATH** (*Kalkulam I*): May I know the reason for giving exemptions to the few cases referred to?

**MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN** (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): Because they belonged to backward and depressed classes mainly.

## NOTICES OF ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS.

**PRESIDENT**: I have received notice of three motions for adjournment of the business of the Assembly. I shall read them one by one. The text of the first motion is this:

> "the serious situation that has arisen to the political rights of several citizens in the State in not respecting the Government Order in toto to conduct Pokuvaravu of all partition deeds and sale deeds from 1101 M. E. up to the end of 1110 M. E. by the Taluk Tahsildars, thereby denying the right of voting to thousands of persons in the State, who pay land tax of Rupee one and above, in the coming elections to the Travancore Legislative Bodies."

I disallow this motion as it does not come in any manner within the scope of the rules governing the subject.

The next motion reads thus:

> ".....the recent apprehension among the masses of people and in commercial centres that the Rupee coin bearing the effigy of Queen Victoria is not legal currency and the consequent dislocation of commercial business and hardship to the public".

That is not a matter of recent occurrence and so that is disallowed.

The third motion reads thus:

> ".....the desirability of either fixing the date or dates of the coming elections to the Travancore Legislative Bodies, either before the 10th of Medom 1112 M. E., or postponing it to a convenient date, so that the elections be conducted in the summer season, instead of in the winter season."

This motion is allowed and discussion will take place at the appointed time on Wednesday.

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**MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN** (*Mavelikara*): Before fixing the time is it not necessary that the leave of the House should be obtained?

**PRESIDENT**: Yes. Those in favour of the motion will please signify their assent.

(None stood up.)

**PRESIDENT**: As there is no one in favour of the motion, the motion is disallowed.

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## WELCOME TO THE NEW PRESIDENT.

**SADASYA TILAKA T. K. VELU PILLAI** (*Trivandrum-Urban*): This meeting of the Sri Mulam Assembly luckily synchronises with the happy week when the festivities connected with the birthday of His Highness the Maharaja, Sri Chitra Thirunal, are being kept up with joyous enthusiasm throughout the State and beyond it. The very elements revel in happiness. Humanity leaps in joy, for, the excrescences which hitherto prevented the natural development of social justice, the incrustations of time which kept a large portion of the subjects of His Highness the Maharaja, along with their bretheren in other parts of India, smothered under the ban of untouchability and unapproachability, have been removed by the recent Royal Proclamation, that great instalment of benevolent legislation, which has made His Highness' twenty-fourth birthday a most remarkable and momentous event in the history of modern India. From the Himalayas to Cape Comorin the whole continent is in ecstasy. The atmosphere resounds with the praises of our beloved Sovereign who, in the short space of five years, has vindicated the noble traditions of his dynasty and justified the expectations of an admiring world by a series of beneficent measures. The star which shines so bright when it has but begun its course in the firmament must needs bathe this ancient land in splendour in the steady progress to culmination. This House offers its loyal and respectful congratulations to His Highness the Maharaja on his birthday. May His Highness' reign be long, happy and glorious.

On behalf of this Assembly I tender you, Sir, a hearty welcome. Your name is being associated with that of His Highness the Maharaja in the great chapters in the history of freedom which are being shaped in Travancore. We see the accelerated momentum of progress in this State after you became the Dewan. You have had such great opportunities of doing public work and public good as few Indians have ever had. You came to Travancore after winning renown in numerous fields of human endeavour, after compelling the admiration of friends and opponents alike. Your contribution to Indian political thought and your share in the development of New India have been remarkable. "District problems" were for a long time your special study, but you looked at them from the beginning with an eye to their proper place in a scheme of federated effort for making India strong and rich and great. The public works inaugurated in the Madras Presidency under your fostering care are becoming the sources of the streams of plenty in South India. It is only work of a solid character which brings a man an Indian reputation. You did that work and you earned that reputa-

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